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Customer No. 38263

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: *Perplies et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1623

Application No.: 10/524,455

Examiner: L. D. Bland

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING TEMPORARILY  
CROSS-LINKED CELLULOSE ETHERS

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina  
September 28, 2009

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 1, 2009, kindly consider the following amendments and remarks. In addition, Applicants submit herewith (i) a Petition for 1-month Extension of Time with credit card form and (ii) Declaration by Dr. Andreas Schultz in conformance with 35 USC § 132.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 7 of this paper.